

### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action of December 27, 2005. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-11 and 13 -33 are currently in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 11-17 and 23 were indicated as allowed. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates this action. As allowed claims 12 and 13 are claims dependent upon claim 7, these claims have now been rewritten in independent form. Namely, claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 7; while the subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 13. Claim 12 has been cancelled accordingly. By this action, claims 7, 11, 13-17 and 23, and the claims that depend directly or indirectly thereupon, namely, claims 8-10, 30 and 31, should now be allowable and in proper form for issuance.

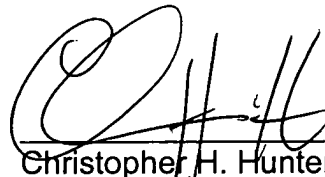
Claims 1-4 and 6 have now been made dependent upon allowable claim 11 and as such, should also be in condition for allowance.

The subject matter which caused claim 23 to be allowable (i.e., the C-ring), has now also been inserted into claim 18, and as such, this claim, as well as dependent claims 19-22, 24-29, 32 and 33 should now also be allowable.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested in order to place the claims in this case in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to that effect is

respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any question on the above,  
the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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